Dear Dave, 1/5/98

Thanks for your 1/1 and the stamps, labels and item in it.

I've most of a book Faking Kennedy:The Dark Side of Sy Hersh,written.

It is as intendedly dishonest a book as I can recall.

That is why he has no bibliography, no source notes. I have much on what he omitted and said the opposite of from one of his admitted sources.

Hersh is knowingly wrong on the Kennedys and assassinations, on Vietnam and on the Cuba missile crisis.

I've heard nothing more about those Ray rifle tests.

There can be a problem with them from the frequent firing of that rifle once it was in official hands. Each firing made a minute change in the barrel and that could have been enough.

At the time of the evidentiary hearing I asked Herbery McDonnell, who you saw on TV I supposed in the O J Simpson case, to be our expert witness. I took him to the clerk of the court's office. He brought his own microscope and camera and made his examination. As we walked back to the courthouse he told me, and these are close to his exact words, "I wish I had as good a specimen in most of my cases." But Frazier of the FBI swore he could not find marks of distinction without that they could not have extradicted Ray and without that Foreman could not have bamboozled him into the guilty plea.

He did testify the next day. His testimony, which was unrefuted but was ignored by the judge, was that given that rifle and that specimen and the right to test-fire and recover specimens he was without doubt that he could testify without reservation that the bullet had or had not been fired from that rifle.

What can you do when a judge can ignore unrefuted testimony like that?

Hope all of you have a good year, and many thnks,

sincerely,

Harold